



### DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA MARCH 1983

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

##### Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

##### Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting ABS statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the ABS monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

##### Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$3.10). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

##### Symbols and other usages

- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- p preliminary—figure or series subject to revision
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original
	1981-82—																
February	8,805	8,747	23,448	42.1	7,903	8,883	30,373	37,154	497	555	467	500	34.4	35.2	287	310	
March	11,026	9,588		43.8	8,606	8,772	31,414	34,642	661	631	519	501	43.3	38.0	319	296	
April	8,254	9,048		36.1	8,070	8,686	31,251	34,421	601	612	523	512	32.6	36.0	270	314	
May	10,099	9,319	22,091	42.1	8,694	8,429	40,386	37,846	655	635	555	524	39.9	36.2	191	217	
June	10,784	10,142		47.5	9,824	8,981	43,343	35,862	592	630	497	501	41.4	38.1	241	245	
1982-83—																	
July	9,778	10,308		(e)39.8	10,476	9,026	45,770	36,791	606	590	539	494	41.8	38.4	220	210	
August	9,827	9,002	23,524	30.3	9,296	8,365	40,776	34,036	561	539	473	440	41.2	38.4	252	228	
September	9,863	8,902		35.7	8,818	8,633	37,766	35,239	368	388	463	472	36.5	32.7	271	209	
October	9,562	8,335		36.3	8,697	8,358	34,236	34,814	372	372	479	459	32.9	30.4	296	255	
November	10,512	8,938	18,597	39.0	8,381	8,919	34,520	37,757	414	430	458	427	30.7	26.7	231	200	
December	7,599	n.y.a.		30.1	8,293	8,823	28,659	33,215	413	407	420	433	24.4	26.5	184	172	
January	5,166	n.y.a.		25.2	7,941	8,660	26,081	32,050	389	361	268	361	4.1	12.7	35	86	
February	8,522	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,000	8,990	30,678	37,538	399	428	389	399	30.6	30.3	164	174	
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,452	8,642	35,056	38,664	430	417	429	374	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	170	153	

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Estimate.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m(a)		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m(a)		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(b)		Whole milk intake by factories(c) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(d)	Original	Seas. adj.
	1981-82—															
February	2,998	3,174	907	856	10,434	10,763	194	210	332.6	388	434	37,538	76.1	32,419	32,459	
March	3,480	3,444	1,016	842	12,661	11,763	221	208	335.9	338	426	45,714	75.6			
April	3,018	3,275	816	852	9,863	10,711	191	208	338.1	281	453	38,158	77.7	33,144	33,169	
May	3,019	3,116	756	873	10,764	10,072	207	206	340.3	240	483	36,466	81.5			
June	3,040	2,859	908	899	11,823	9,917	214	219	343.2	226	458	29,112	75.8			
1982-83—																
July	2,876	2,315	831	841	12,578	10,806	226	227	346.4	293	456	47,083	81.4	34,445	34,388	
August	3,086	2,875	836	840	10,727	9,837	191	197	350.2	455	447	76,930	81.3			
September	3,059	2,603	843	802	10,353	9,371	241	217	353.4	618	466	100,711	82.3			
October	3,371	2,696	1,065	958	12,810	11,340	202	185	355.5	734	472	106,079	81.3	34,049	34,036	
November	2,923	3,017	1,116	891	11,028	10,317	200	197	356.4	701	444	91,542	79.5			
December	1,915	2,020	+777	r790	8,028	9,425	192	201	p357.7	520	448	30,472	82.0			
January	687	1,746	+523	r1,075	r4,570	r12,447	162	187	p359.2	375	420	39,007	78.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
February	2,551	2,653	943	873	r9,739	r10,055	180	188	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
March	3,086	3,016	986	805	11,314	10,255	200	184	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	

(a) The Commodity composition of this series has changed following the introduction of a revised production commodity classification for textile items. Figures on the new basis are available from July 1979. (b) This index is on a net division basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (e) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

## OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (a) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1981-82—								
February	1,683	1,931	r4,527	r5,065	186	-673	715	3,942
March	1,716	2,158			187	-908	1,333	4,065
April	1,814	1,904			189	-836	2,013	5,204
May	1,817	2,225	r4,529	r5,122	193	-763	1,951	6,301
June	1,835	2,030			195	-774	1,010	6,517
1982-83—								
July	2,012	2,085			195	-595	449	6,770
August	1,819	2,048	r4,801	r4,847	198	-768	322	6,711
September	r1,716	r1,876			200	-684	1,652	8,396
October	1,869	2,079			201	-746	1,225	8,868
November	2,028	1,992	4,660	4,499	202	-408	1,089	9,395
December	r1,817	1,698			p199	-521	1,211	10,094
January	r1,944	1,383			p199	-295	656	10,850
February	1,660	r1,627	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-499	-560	9,979
March	1,771	1,841			n.y.a.	-535	752	10,365

(a) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

## INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)								New motor cars and station wagons registered '000				Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000		Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(d) \$m
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.							
1981-82—															
February	2,737	3,132	4,501	4,628	2,732	3,172	1,502	1,624	33.4	36.1	11.6	12.5			3,669
March	3,079	3,150							44.1	41.1	15.3	13.7			3,723
April	(e)3,120	(e)3,204							38.0	39.6	12.1	12.7			3,758
May	(e)3,203	(e)3,186	(f)4,686	(f)4,800	(f)3,164	(f)3,152	(f)1,554	(f)1,666	41.2	40.5	12.8	12.4			3,817
June	(e)3,084	(e)3,237							44.2	40.7	15.0	12.8			3,882
1982-83—															
July	(e)3,190	(e)3,255							41.9	38.4	13.6	12.1			3,941
August	(e)3,080	(e)3,227	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	43.8	40.8	12.7	12.7			3,964
September	(e)3,163	(e)3,242							39.3	39.4	11.3	11.4			3,995
October	(e)3,272	(e)3,333							36.5	38.6	11.4	12.0			3,999
November	(e)3,482	(e)3,382	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	36.2	36.1	10.5	10.8			4,041
December	(e)4,578	(e)3,309							r47.7	47.0	9.9	10.2			4,081
January	(e)3,132	(e)3,437							26.2	32.4	8.7	10.9			4,057
February	(e)3,053	(e)3,458	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r29.7	32.1	r10.5	r11.3			4,049
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p43.5	p40.1	p13.5	p12.1			n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Commercial light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (d) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: December \$180m; January \$147m; February \$149m. (e) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (f) Based on the 1979-80 retail census.

### WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

*Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities, 1980-81 = 100(d)*

Month	Weekly earnings of employees (\$/wk)		Award rates of pay indexes <sup>(b)</sup> adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities, 1980-81 = 100(d)									
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education <sup>(e)</sup>	
1981-82—														
February	316.00	207.10	170.7	1.48	111.8	109.1	107.4	112.2	112.0	111.3	110.4	131.2	100.0	
March			171.9											
April			172.9											
May	326.00	215.50	173.6	1.45	114.5	110.7	110.0	115.9	115.6	114.7	112.9	134.5	101.2	
June			176.9											
1982-83—														
July			179.1											
August	333.70	221.80	181.1	1.26	118.5	114.0	111.2	118.9	119.1	121.1	118.0	143.1	103.3	
September			181.7											
October			182.2											
November	341.50	223.60	182.9	1.30	122.0	116.8	113.7	122.3	123.6	122.7	124.0	151.2	105.7	
December			183.6											
January			183.8	1.14	124.7	118.9	113.9	124.1	125.5	126.4	125.8	157.4	109.8	
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.											
March			n.y.a.											

(a) The Average weekly earnings per employed male unit has been replaced by a new series based on a quarterly survey of employers. Figures for 'all males' prior to September quarter 1981 are estimates based on the relationship of the two series for September quarter 1981. An explanation of the linking of the series is given in *Average Weekly Earnings, Australia, December Quarter 1981 (Preliminary)* (6301.0), and an explanation of the differences between the series is provided in an *Information Paper* (6336.0). (b) New series. See *Award Rates of Pay Indexes, Australia, September 1982* (6312.0). (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further details see *August Issue of Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) With the introduction of the tenth series of the CPI, the reference base of the CPI series has been changed to 1980-81 = 100.00. The main CPI series published becomes that for the weighted average of the eight capital cities. Monthly index series are no longer compiled for the food group. (e) New grouping introduced from March quarter 1982. Base of index series: March quarter 1982 = 100.0.

### BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings 000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total <sup>(a)</sup> \$ m		Dwellings commenced <sup>(a)</sup> 000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m/yr)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in building		New buildings and structures <sup>(d)</sup>		Other new capital equipment	
										house building <sup>(b)</sup>	than house building <sup>(c)</sup>	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1981-82—															
February	744.2	851.5	9.4	11.3	103.2	2,645.3	2,690.4	29.1	29.1	383.1	127.6	1,055.1	1,245.0	2,499.5	2,882.5
March	970.1	884.6	12.2	10.8	87.1					389.8	129.8				
April	766.2	811.1	10.3	10.6	80.6	2,426.2	2,345.4	28.3	27.4	393.1	131.0	1,346.7	1,303.8	3,270.4	2,999.2
May	877.5	837.2	10.3	10.0	104.0					395.9	132.0				
June	943.7	839.3	10.2	9.1	135.9					398.7	133.8				
1982-83—															
July	861.0	844.1	10.2	10.3	110.5	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	402.8	135.7	1,368.7	1,412.4	2,733.2	2,756.2
August	792.2	772.6	9.6	9.3	123.4					405.8	137.0				
September	725.5	689.0	9.3	9.0	108.3					408.5	138.1				
October	722.3	741.3	8.6	8.5	126.4	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	409.7	138.8	1,205.4	1,049.7	3,111.6	2,971.0
November	753.9	672.3	9.6	8.9	111.9					410.8	139.4				
December	740.2	767.1	8.4	8.9	162.0					412.4	140.5				
January	570.8	740.5	7.1	9.3	98.3					415.7	141.5				
February	820.6	938.4	9.4	10.6	263.6					p419.0	142.0				
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.					p422.0	p142.8				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to 'Building commenced' data, see September Quarter 1980 (Advance Release) issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to 'Dwellings commenced' data, see statement (issued under Catalogue No. 8703.0) entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (d) Prior to December Quarter 1982, data include the value of speculatively built construction projects by enterprises in the finance, property and business services industries. (e) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (c) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (d)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m			Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m				
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m			\$m	\$m		
1981-82—													
February	24,769	24,515	28,452	27,614	21,074	21,469	26,036	322	165	93	14.95	398.9	3,506
March	24,458	24,490	28,862	27,722	21,486	21,793	26,416	379	194	112	15.20		3,862
April	24,242	24,641	29,278	28,883	22,348	22,215	26,734	282	145	97	15.60		5,427
May	24,550	24,817	29,652	30,140	22,382	22,131	27,147	309	127	105	16.40	624.5	5,340
June	25,047	25,001	29,457	30,166	22,119	22,259	27,560	350	118	100	16.40		4,154
1982-83—													
July	24,975	25,042	29,569	30,706	22,569	22,498	27,973	307	109	95	16.40		3,272
August	25,266	25,242	29,857	30,748	22,639	22,674	28,149	328	114	84	16.60	804.3	4,032
September	25,344	25,360	30,631	31,013	22,817	22,822	28,579	369	110	88	15.20		3,019
October	25,704	25,610	30,613	30,640	23,121	22,860	28,947	356	116	88	14.40		3,245
November	25,910	25,905	31,022	30,974	22,948	22,815	28,967	384	131	94	14.20	705.2	4,177
December	27,063	26,917	31,424	30,917	22,866	22,693	28,940	379	128	93	14.00		3,251
January	28,155	27,950	30,321	29,730	22,690	22,812	28,594	348	125	79	12.55		3,656
February	28,935	28,646	30,194	29,332	22,659	23,077	28,302	450	199	96	13.00	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
March	29,681	28,727	31,307	30,094	23,249	23,577	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14.10		n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614.0. (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (g) Break in series due to a change in accounting procedures.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure				
							Private		Government		Private		Public		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
AT CURRENT PRICES															
1981-82—															
September	35,210	35,537	1,310	1,858	33,900	33,679	21,218	21,325	6,088	6,172	6,136	6,201	2,581	2,756	
December	40,531	36,369	3,821	1,864	36,710	34,505	23,289	22,005	6,377	6,264	7,627	7,251	2,128	2,067	
March	34,899	37,024	1,347	1,792	33,552	35,232	21,649	22,632	5,772	6,186	5,942	6,598	2,541	2,876	
June	36,936	38,605	766	1,760	36,170	36,845	23,266	23,503	6,999	6,790	7,390	6,970	3,183	2,766	
1982-83—															
September	39,066	39,491	1,431	1,677	37,635	37,814	23,955	24,061	6,627	6,723	6,406	6,475	3,208	3,418	
December	44,085	40,356	2,761	1,456	41,324	38,900	23,345	24,886	7,770	7,385	6,567	6,236	3,481	3,403	

AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES

1981-82—															
September	30,132	30,500	1,402	1,863	28,730	28,637	18,439	18,560	5,173	5,079	5,278	5,338	2,163	2,309	
December	34,189	30,343	3,678	1,901	30,511	28,442	19,682	18,601	5,027	5,250	6,394	6,080	1,730	1,680	
March	28,392	30,373	1,472	1,943	26,920	28,430	17,913	18,729	4,870	4,598	4,783	5,312	1,996	2,259	
June	28,907	30,333	1,070	1,947	27,837	28,386	18,806	18,959	4,993	5,140	5,738	5,405	2,397	2,083	
1982-83—															
September	30,075	30,424	1,763	1,848	28,312	28,576	18,692	18,816	5,016	4,924	4,802	4,857	2,323	2,474	
December	33,130	29,991	2,646	1,589	30,484	28,402	20,095	18,961	5,302	5,548	4,842	4,601	2,462	2,407	

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income	
					Companies		Other								
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1981-82—															
September	6,919	6,830	5,444	5,519	4,413	4,414	6,981	7,343	19,697	19,473	509	8,918	4,548	24,576	
December	6,784	6,864	5,328	5,291	4,920	4,285	10,060	7,464	21,049	20,120	2,870	10,708	4,629	29,998	
March	7,319	7,277	5,765	5,775	3,354	3,779	6,699	7,572	20,054	20,994	450	8,881	6,276	23,109	
June	7,545	7,506	6,125	5,943	3,974	4,185	6,237	7,668	21,732	21,856	114	11,600	8,932	24,286	
1982-83—															
September	7,478	7,388	6,158	6,301	3,709	3,708	8,107	8,084	22,640	22,874	536	10,105	5,643	27,638	
December	7,096	7,193	6,283	6,290	4,589	3,984	10,162	8,103	24,037	22,984	1,801	12,742	5,466	33,114	

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

Month	CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)						UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)						JOB VACANCIES ('000)	Survey estimates (c)	
	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total					
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons			
1981-82—															
February	4,334.7	4,305.1	2,547.2	2,539.3	6,881.9	6,844.4	236.3	170.3	77.8	251.7	232.7	484.4	33.7		
March	4,329.9	4,307.5	2,590.9	2,553.5	6,920.8	6,861.0	216.1	158.2	85.4	238.1	221.6	459.7			
April	4,289.9	4,294.2	2,542.5	2,533.2	6,832.4	6,827.4	210.2	153.1	72.8	227.2	209.0	436.2	25.3		
May	4,306.8	4,309.7	2,547.9	2,542.2	6,854.7	6,851.9	219.8	152.8	77.3	239.8	210.0	449.9			
June	4,294.1	4,314.8	2,532.4	2,540.6	6,826.5	6,855.4	215.8	150.8	81.2	239.5	208.3	447.8			
1982-83—															
July	4,307.8	4,323.2	2,534.4	2,542.5	6,842.2	6,865.7	233.1	142.9	74.2	253.3	196.9	450.3	21.5		
August	4,287.5	4,321.2	2,518.6	2,542.0	6,806.0	6,863.2	249.9	135.6	73.1	271.0	187.5	458.5			
September	4,352.9	4,345.5	2,567.1	2,548.5	6,920.0	6,894.0	271.6	149.1	85.2	293.7	212.1	505.9			
October	4,354.6	4,376.9	2,582.4	2,581.8	6,937.0	6,958.7	286.6	158.4	91.8	307.3	229.6	536.8			
November	4,331.2	4,373.7	2,571.4	2,568.8	6,902.6	6,942.5	313.5	170.4	68.1	326.9	225.1	552.0	16.4		
December	4,412.4	4,351.1	2,618.4	2,582.7	7,030.8	6,933.8	378.4	206.8	88.8	404.7	269.2	674.0			
January	4,361.3	4,336.8	2,495.1	2,581.6	6,856.4	6,918.4	409.2	216.2	66.2	431.5	260.2	691.7	16.9		
February	4,400.3	4,359.8	2,601.7	2,587.0	7,002.2	6,946.9	418.2	234.7	94.4	441.3	305.9	747.3			
March	4,387.3	4,362.6	2,645.3	2,602.6	7,032.6	6,965.2	412.1	223.9	95.6	435.1	296.5	731.6			

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

**GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES, AUSTRALIA(a)**  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
( '000)

Month	Civilian employees										Defence Force(b)	Total Government			
	Commonwealth		State		Northern Territory		Local		Total						
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females			Persons		
1981—															
December	276.9	128.2	578.8	414.4	7.7	6.6	103.1	28.3	966.5	577.6	1,544.1	72.3	1,616.4		
1982—															
January	276.6	128.2	576.6	405.9	7.7	6.5	103.4	27.8	964.3	568.5	1,532.8	72.7	1,605.5		
February	276.2	127.9	579.3	419.8	7.7	6.5	103.8	28.8	966.9	583.1	1,550.0	73.3	1,623.3		
March	276.1	128.4	581.0	423.7	7.7	6.6	104.2	28.8	968.9	587.6	1,556.5	73.4	1,629.9		
April	275.6	128.7	579.9	424.3	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.9	967.3	588.5	1,555.8	73.4	1,629.2		
May	275.1	128.5	581.8	421.8	7.7	6.6	104.1	28.8	968.7	585.8	1,554.5	73.3	1,627.8		
June	274.7	127.4	582.3	426.9	7.5	6.6	104.1	28.8	969.0	589.9	1,558.9	73.2	1,632.1		
July	273.9	128.2	581.2	426.1	7.5	6.5	104.2	29.0	966.8	589.8	1,556.6	73.2	1,629.8		
August	274.4	128.7	580.9	427.5	7.5	6.3	104.2	28.9	967.0	591.4	1,558.4	73.1	1,631.5		
September	275.0	129.6	580.5	428.2	7.5	6.3	104.1	29.2	967.2	593.4	1,560.5	73.0	1,633.5		
October	275.5	130.0	580.0	428.7	7.6	6.4	104.2	29.4	967.2	594.5	1,561.7	73.1	1,634.8		
November	276.2	130.9	579.6	427.6	7.6	6.3	104.3	29.6	967.7	594.3	1,562.1	73.0	1,635.1		
December	277.1	131.5	577.8	422.1	7.5	6.1	104.4	29.3	966.9	589.1	1,556.0	72.7	1,628.7		
1981—															
January	276.4	130.8	578.6	410.0	7.6	6.3	104.7	29.2	967.3	576.3	1,543.6	73.1	1,616.7		

(a) For further details, see *The Labour Force, Australia (Preliminary)* (6202.0). (b) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas.

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